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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. <b>09/768,959</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Nguyen</b>	
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<b>Status</b>			
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>Jan 24, 2001</u>			
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL.		2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.	
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.			
<b>Disposition of Claims</b>			
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>15-20, 35, 40, and 54-59</u> is/are pending in the application.			
4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.			
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.			
6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>15-20, 35, 40, and 54-59</u> is/are rejected.			
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.			
8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.			
<b>Application Papers</b>			
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.			
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11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> approved b) <input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.			
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.			
<b>Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120</b>			
13) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some* c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.			
14) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.			
15) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.			
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**DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 15-20, 35, 40 and 54-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugauchi et al. (US Patent No. 6,049,827) in view of Yamashita et al. (US Patent No. 5,708,909).

Regarding claim 15, Sugauchi discloses an equipment management system for managing devices forming equipment, comprising: a detailed data memory section having stored therein detailed data of the respective devices; a display having a display screen (see abstract); a first display control section causing a representation of the equipment to be displayed on the display screen and also causing at least one of symbols corresponding to the respective devices to be displayed on the display screen at locations on the representation of the equipment (see col. 13, lines 3-67); a symbol selecting section selecting a desired one of the symbols displayed on the display screen (see col. 9, lines 16-53). However, Sugauchi fails to explicitly teach a second display control section calling detailed data corresponding to the selected symbol from the

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detailed data memory section and causing the called detailed data to be displayed on the display screen.

Yamashita teaches a second display control section calling detailed data corresponding to the selected symbol from the detailed data memory section and causing the called detailed data to be displayed on the display screen (see col. 4, lines 7-67). It would have been obvious to one of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a second display control section calling detailed data corresponding to the selected symbol from the detailed data memory section and causing the called detailed data to be displayed on the display screen as taught by Yamashita to the system of network management tool of Sugauchi, in order to allow the user to expand the details of the event equipment information being displayed on the management request equipment.

Regarding claim 16, Sugauchi discloses the detailed data of the device includes one of first judgment data indicating that the device is operating normally and second judgment data indicating that the device is not operating normally; and the first display control section causes a symbol of a device, for which the detailed data contains one of the first and second judgment data, to be displayed in a different manner than a symbol of a device for which the detailed data contains the other of the first and second judgment data (see col. 13, lines 3-67 and col. 14, lines 1-58).

Regarding claim 17, Yamashita discloses the first display control section includes an equipment representation display control section displaying the equipment representation on the

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display screen in response to an externally applied representation drawing command, and a symbol display control section displaying a symbol at a desired position on the equipment representation on the display screen in response to an externally applied symbol positioning command (see col. 7-8, lines 1-67).

Claim 18 differs from claim 15 in that "a display having a display screen for managing a plurality of devices constituting equipment; the equipment management program causing the computer to execute a first display sequence for displaying a representation of the equipment on the display screen and also displaying a symbol for at least one of the devices at an appropriate position on the equipment representation on the display screen; a symbol selecting sequence for selecting a desired one of the symbols displayed on the display screen; and a second display sequence for calling detailed data of the device corresponding to the selected symbol out of detailed data stored beforehand and displaying the called detailed data on the display screen." which read on Yamashita "see col. 9, lines 3-62).

Regarding claim 19, Sugauchi discloses the detailed data of the device includes one of first judgment data indicating that the device is operating normally and second judgment data indicating that the device is not operating normally; and the first display control selection causes a symbol of a device for which the detailed data contains one of the first and second judgment data to be displayed in a different manner than a symbol of a device for which the detailed data contains the other of the first and second judgment data (see col. 15, lines 1-67).

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As claims 20, 35 and 40 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 15 and 17-18 above.

Claim 54 differs from claims 15 and 18 in that "causing a representation of the equipment to be displayed on a display screen and also causing at least one of symbols corresponding to the respective devices to be displayed on the display screen at locations on the representation of the equipment; selecting a desired one of the symbols displayed on the display screen; and calling detailed data corresponding to the selected symbol and causing the called detailed data to be displayed on the display screen," which read on Yamashita (see col. 10, lines 7-63).

As claims 55-59 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 15-19 and 54 above.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (See PTO-892).

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